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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS***Introduction***

Prior to this paper, claims 1-36 were pending in the above in the above-identified Application. By this paper, claims 1-36 are unchanged from their respective immediate prior versions; no claims are amended; no claims are canceled; no claims are added; claims 1-29 are withdrawn from consideration; and examination is restricted to claims 30-36. Thus, claims 1-36 are presently pending in the above in the above-identified Application, with claims 1-29 withdrawn from consideration and with examination restricted to claims 30-36.

Election/Restrictions – 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Examiner has required restriction of the examination of the above-identified Application to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I.** Claims 1-12, allegedly drawn to a system for pin placement, classified in class 606, subclass 96.
- II.** Claims 13-23, allegedly drawn to a method of drilling a bore or driving a pin, classified in class 606, subclass 96.
- III.** Claims 24-29, allegedly drawn to a method for placing a guide block, classified in class 606, subclass 87.
- IV.** Claims 30-36, allegedly drawn to a system for placing a guide block, classified in class 606, subclass 87.

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In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant respectfully restricts examination to Group IV (i.e., claims 30-36), without traverse. Further, Applicant respectfully notes that, as indicated by the Examiner, no election of species is required for the examination of Group IV and, accordingly, no election of species is made by this paper.

Additionally, in accordance with the restriction of the examination to Group IV (i.e., claims 30-36), by this paper Applicant also withdraws claims 1-29 from consideration in the above-identified Application -- without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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